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# REPowerEU Regulation

**Consultation on Commission's implementing decision -**

**Art 5(4)**

***List of third countries fulfilling criteria for exemption to  
prior authorisation***

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# Criteria in Article 5(4) of REPowerEU Regulation

An exemption from the prior authorisation set out in paragraph 3 shall apply where natural gas is imported from a country which produces natural gas and has exported more than 5 bcm of natural gas to the Union in 2024, and:

- (a) has prohibited the import of natural gas that originates in or is exported, directly or indirectly, from the Russian Federation or is applying other restrictive measures concerning such gas; or
- (b) has no gas infrastructure in place which allows it to import LNG or pipeline gas.

# List of third countries fulfilling criteria of Article 5(4)

- (a) Algeria
- (b) Nigeria
- (c) Norway
- (d) Qatar
- (e) United Kingdom
- (f) United States

Article 5(4)

*[...] The Commission shall monitor whether the conditions set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph continue to be fulfilled and shall update the list accordingly and without undue delay on the basis of the information provided by authorising authorities or, where applicable, customs authorities and by Union bodies pursuant to Article 7(2). [...]*



# Implementation and next steps

**Guidance, authorising authorities, plans and contracts**

# Implementation

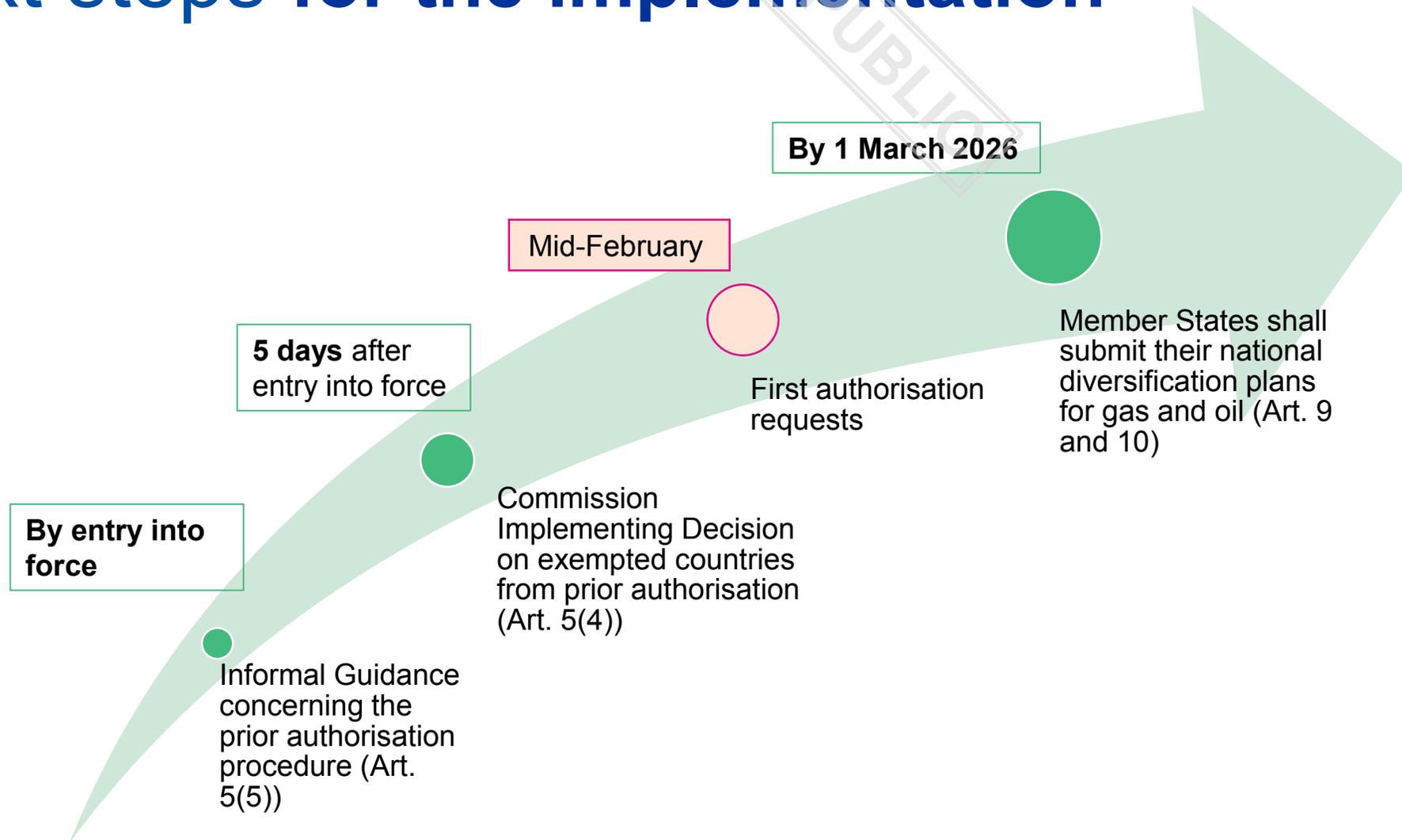
- Informal guidance concerning prior authorisation procedure (*Art. 5(5)*)
- Authorising authorities (*Art. 7*)
- National diversification plans (*Art. 9 and 10*)
- Information on Russian gas supply contracts (*Art. 11*)
- Cooperation with EMSA, EPPO and OLAF (*Art. 5(6), 6 and 7(2)*)

# Draft list of Authorising Authorities

(to be published together with the guidance)

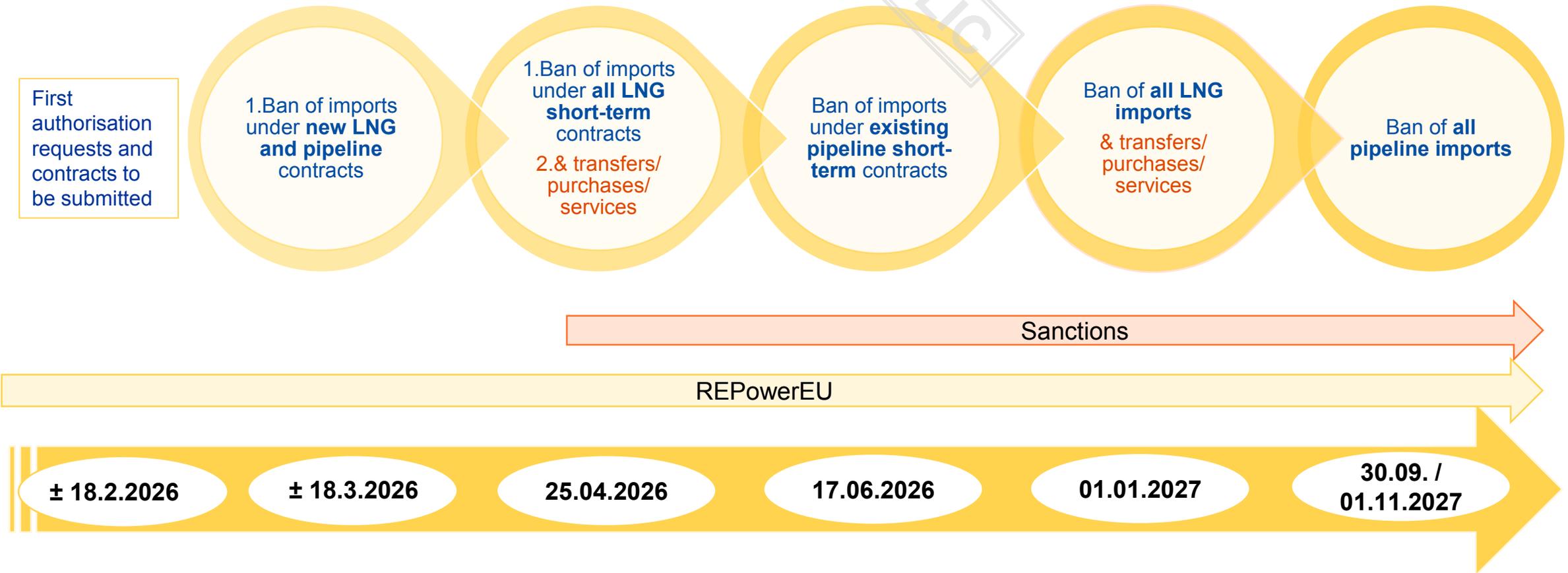
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BG	National Customs Agency
CZ	default - Customs authority
DK	default - Customs authority
DE	default - Customs authority
EE	Ministry of Climate
IE	Irish Tax and Customs Authority
EL	Customs Authority - Greece
ES	Customs and Excise Department. Tax Agency. Ministry of Finance
FR	default - Customs authority
HR	Customs authority - Croatia
IT	Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security
CY	default - Customs authority
LV	default - Customs authority
LT	default - Customs authority
LU	default - Customs authority
HU	default - Customs authority
MT	Malta Tax and Customs Administration
NL	Customs Authority - Ministry of Finance
AT	Federal Ministry of Finance
PL	default - Customs authority
PT	Tax and Customs Authority of Portugal
RO	default - Customs authority
SI	default - Customs authority
SK	default - Customs authority
FI	Tulli - Finnish Customs
SE	default - Customs authority

# Next steps for the implementation



# Russian gas phase-out timeline, including sanctions

\*Tentative timeline, assuming REPowerEU adoption 02.02.2026



# Thank you

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